



National Clearinghouse on Child Abuse and Neglect Information National Adoption Information Clearinghouse



Gateways to Information: Protecting Children and Strengthening Families

Adoption Advocacy and Public Policy Organizations

The following organizations are among many that provide information about adoption advocacy and public policy. If you are aware of any others, please contact the Clearinghouse. Inclusion on this list is for information purposes and does not constitute an endorsement by the Clearinghouse or the Children's Bureau.

Adoptees' Liberty Movement Association (The ALMA Society)

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URL: <http://www.almasociety.org>

Adoptees' Liberty Movement Association (ALMA), a membership organization, is an adoption reunion registry. ALMA advocates for the right of adopted persons to know the truth of their origin. The ALMA registry has a one-time registration fee of \$50.

American Academy of Adoption Attorneys (AAAA)

P.O. Box 33053
Washington, DC, 20033
Phone: (202) 832-2222
Email: webmaster@adoptionattorneys.org
URL: <http://www.adoptionattorneys.org/>

AAAA is a national membership association of attorneys who practice, or have otherwise distinguished themselves, in the field of adoption law. AAAA works to promote the reform of adoption laws and to disseminate information on ethical adoption practices. Their Membership Directory, including members from the U. S. and Canada, lists attorneys who are well versed in the complexities of adoption law as well as interstate and international regulations regarding adoption.

American Adoption Congress (AAC)

P.O. Box 42730
Washington, DC, 20015
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Phone: (202) 483-3399
Email: ameradoptioncong@aol.com
URL: <http://www.americanadoptioncongress.org>

The American Adoption Congress (AAC) is an international network of individuals and organizations committed to honesty and openness in adoption and to reforms that protect all of those involved from abuse or exploitation. Membership is open to adoptees, birth parents, adoptive parents, professionals, and all others who share a commitment to the AAC's goals.

Association of Administrators of the Interstate Compact for the Placement of Children (ICPC)

American Public Human Services Association
810 First Street NE
Suite 500
Washington, DC, 20002-4267
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Fax: (202) 289-6555
Email: icpcinbox@APHSA.org
URL: <http://icpc.aphsa.org>

The Interstate Compact for the Placement of Children is a uniform State law establishing a contract among party States to ensure that children placed across state lines receive adequate protection and services. The primary function of the ICPC is to protect the interests of both the children and the States by requiring that certain procedures be followed in the interstate placement of children who are being adopted, placed with relatives, or going into residential care or foster family homes.

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Association of Administrators of the Interstate Compact on Adoption and Medical Assistance (AAICAMA)

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The Association of Administrators of the Interstate Compact on Adoption and Medical Assistance facilitates the administration of the ICAMA. The Compact is the legal mechanism by which member States regulate and coordinate the interstate delivery of services to children with special needs who are adopted pursuant to adoption assistance agreements. Along with advocating State participation in the ICAMA, the Association provides technical and legal assistance, education and training, and materials on practice and policy issues.

Black Administrators in Child Welfare, Inc. (BACW)

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Washington, DC, 20001-2085
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Black Administrators in Child Welfare is committed to strengthening and supporting the healthy development of African American children, families, and communities through advocacy, leadership development, consultation, and training.

Child Welfare League of America (CWLA)

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The Child Welfare League of America is the oldest national organization serving vulnerable children, youth, and their families. CWLA provides training, consultation, and technical assistance to child welfare professionals and agencies while also educating the public on emerging issues that affect abused, neglected, and at-risk children. Through its publications, conferences, and teleconferences, CWLA shares information on emerging trends, specific topics in child welfare practice (family foster care, kinship care, adoption, positive youth development), and Federal and State policies.

Concerned United Birthparents, Inc. (CUB)

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Toll-Free: (800) 822-2777
Email: info@CUBirthparents.org
URL: <http://www.cubirthparents.org>

CUB's mission is to provide support to birthparents who have relinquished a child to adoption, to provide resources to help prevent unnecessary family separations, to educate the public about the life-long effects on all who are touched by adoption, and to advocate for fair and ethical adoption laws, policies, and practices.

Dave Thomas Foundation for Adoption

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Dublin, OH, 43017
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Email: adoption@wendys.com
URL:
<http://www.davethomasfoundationforadoption.com/>

The vision of the Dave Thomas Foundation for Adoption is that "every child will have a permanent home and a loving family." The Foundation strives to make the vision a reality by funding various national initiatives that directly affect waiting children and by expanding the public's awareness of adoption.

Evan B. Donaldson Adoption Institute

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New York, NY, 10012
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URL: <http://www.adoptioninstitute.org/>

The Adoption Institute seeks to improve the quality of information about adoption, to enhance the understanding and perceptions about adoption, and to advance adoption policy and practice.

Inter-National Adoption Alliance (IAA)

PMB 154
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Murfreesboro, TN, 37128
Email: interadopt@comcast.net
URL: <http://www.i-a-a.org/>

The Inter-National Adoption Alliance is a nonprofit organization designed to provide cultural resources for transracial/transcultural adoptees and their families, to advocate for those adoptees and families, and to increase awareness of children waiting to be adopted worldwide and the programs that serve them.

Joint Council on International Children's Services (JCICS)

1403 King Street
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Alexandria, VA, 22314
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The Joint Council on International Children's Services is the world's oldest and largest affiliation of licensed, nonprofit international adoption agencies. JCICS membership also includes parent groups, advocacy organizations, and individuals who have an interest in inter-country adoption. JCICS member agencies subscribe to established Standards of Practice designed to protect the rights of children, birth parents, and adoptive parents.

Little People of America Adoption Committee (LPA)

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Hillsboro, OR, 97124
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The purpose of the Little People of America Adoption Committee is to find a loving home for every dwarf child. The role of LPA is to act as a link between prospective parents and adoption agencies that represent dwarf children. LPA is not an adoption agency, but a referral source only. By outreaching to adoption agencies, doctors, hospitals, geneticists, and others, LPA is able to locate available dwarf children for adoption and prospective parents who are interested in adopting them.

National Adoption Center (NAC)

1500 Walnut Street
Suite 701
Philadelphia, PA, 19102
Toll-Free: (800) TO-ADOPT
Email: nac@nationaladoptioncenter.org
URL: <http://www.nationaladoptioncenter.org>

The National Adoption Center expands adoption opportunities for children throughout the United States, particularly children with special needs and from minority cultures.

National Adoption Foundation (NAF)

100 Mill Plain Road
Danbury, CT, 06811
URL: <http://www.nafadopt.org/default.asp>

The National Adoption Foundation provides financial assistance, services, and support to families before, during, and after their adoptions. The Foundation's programs are available to any family whether they are adopting an infant, a child from abroad, or a child from foster care. In addition to providing financial assistance, NAF seeks to educate policy makers and the public about the financial barriers to adoption and the unmet needs of many families. The National Adoption Foundation is the only national resource dedicated exclusively to providing financial support, information, and services directly to adoptive families.

National Association of Counsel for Children (NACC)

1825 Marion Street
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Denver, CO, 80218
Toll-Free: (888) 828-NACC
Email: advocate@NACCchildlaw.org
URL: <http://www.naccchildlaw.org>

The National Association of Counsel for Children works to improve the legal protection and representation of children by training and educating child advocates and by effecting policy and legal systems change. The NACC sponsors conferences and seminars on important issues confronting child advocates and files amicus curiae briefs in selected court cases affecting children. The Association also has a legislative agenda, a national child advocate awards program, and a speakers bureau.

National Conference of State Legislatures (NCSL)

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The National Conference of State Legislatures promotes information sharing by tracking legislation and policy issues in State legislatures and the effect of Federal initiatives on the States. The NCSL offers information, publications, conferences, consulting services, and professional development seminars. The NCSL also advocates for the States by lobbying, testifying, and collaborating on Capitol Hill.

National Council For Adoption (NCFA)

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URL: <http://www.adoptioncouncil.org>

The National Council For Adoption promotes the well-being of children, birthparents, and adoptive families by informing policy leaders, the media, social service providers, and the public about the positive option of adoption. The Council is a charitable membership organization with a variety of functions: a think tank for adoption awareness and information, a provider of public information and education, and an advocate for adoption.

National Council for Single Adoptive Parents (NCSAP)

P.O. Box 567
Mount Hermon, CA, 95041
Toll-Free: (888) 490-4600
Email: info@ncsap.com
URL: <http://www.ncsap.org>

The National Council for Single Adoptive Parents (formerly the Committee for Single Adoptive Parents) was founded to inform and assist single people in the United States who want to adopt children. The Council supports the right of adoptable children to have loving families, regardless of differences in race, creed, color, national origin, or disability. The National Council for Single Adoptive Parents is a member of the Joint Council on International Children's Services and the North American Council on Adoptable Children.

National Resource Center for Special Needs Adoption

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Email: nrc@nrcadoption.org
URL: <http://www.nrcadoption.org>

The National Resource Center for Special Needs Adoption assists States, Tribes, and other Federally funded child welfare agencies improve their ability to ensure the safety, well being, and permanency of abused and neglected children through adoption and post-legal adoption services, program planning, and policy development. The Center, which believes every child is adoptable and every child deserves a permanent family, provides training, consultation, and informational materials for professionals, organizations, and parents. The Center is a service of the Children's Bureau of the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services.

North American Council on Adoptable Children (NACAC)

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Founded by adoptive parents, the North American Council on Adoptable Children is committed to meeting the needs of waiting children in the foster care system and the families who adopt them. The Council advocates the right of every child to a permanent, continuous, nurturing, and culturally sensitive family, and presses for the legal adoptive placement of any child denied that right.

U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Administration for Children and Families (ACF/HHS)

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URL: <http://www.acf.hhs.gov/>

HHS is the Government agency responsible for protecting the health of Americans. While the Web site (<http://www.hhs.gov>) covers a much broader range of health issues, the Administration for Children and Families (ACF) is devoted to families and children and specific populations such as minorities and the disabled.